

Minutes of the Finance Committee

Wednesday, October 12, 2005

Chair Haukohl called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m.

Present: Supervisor Pat Haukohl (Chair), Bonnie Morris, Ken Herro, and Don Broesch. Jim Behrend arrived at 8:50 a.m. and Genia Bruce arrived at 8:55 a.m. Broesch left the meeting at 3:02 p.m. **Absent:** Joe Marchese.

Also Present: Legislative Policy Advisor Mark Mader, Judiciary Committee Chair Bill Mitchell, Senior Financial Analyst Mike Baniel, Medical Examiner Lynda Biedrzycki, Budget Manager Keith Swartz, Senior Financial Analyst Clara Daniels, Health & Human Services Committee Chair Duane Stamsta, Veterans' Services Director John Margowski, Senior Services Director Cathy Bellovary, Senior Financial Analyst Steve Krafcheck, Senior Financial Analyst Andy Thelke, Health & Human Services Director Peter Schuler, Deputy Health & Human Services Director Don Maurer, Administrative Services Manager Russ Kutz, Long Term Care Manager Jack Bodien, and Clinical Services Manager Mike DeMares. Recorded by Mary Pedersen, County Board Office.

Chair's Executive Committee Report of 10-10-05

Haukohl advised of the following issues discussed at the last Executive Committee meeting.

- Reviewed 2006 proposed operating budgets for UW-Extension, Federated Library, Community Development Block Grant, and Non-Departmental.
- Approved the RFP for the Library Governance Options Study
- Approved the 2006-2010 Capital Projects Plan.
- Discussed values for 2005 foreclosed properties that are less than \$5,000.

Behrend arrived at 8:50 a.m.

Schedule Next Meeting Dates

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 14 at 8:45 a.m. (all day). Herro said he will have to leave at 1:15 p.m. and Broesch will have to leave at noon that day.

Bruce arrived at 8:55 a.m.

Discuss and Consider the 2006 Operating Budget for the Medical Examiner's Office

Biedrzycki, Daniels, and Mitchell were present to discuss the proposed 2006 operating budget as outlined in the budget book. Biedrzycki distributed handouts summarizing her 2006 strategic objectives, personnel issues, performance measures, etc. which she reviewed as outlined. Total expenditures budgeted for 2006 is \$1,160,166 – an increase of \$62,940 or 5.7% from the adopted 2005 budget. Revenues total \$287,670 – an increase of \$40,640 or 16.5%. The tax levy totals \$827,496 – an increase of \$22,300 or 2.6%. The positions summary showed an overall increase in 0.11 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions consisting of overtime. She noted this is a cost to continue budget and to answer Haukohl's question, she does feel they are covering their costs. An amendment will be drafted stating that the Medical Examiner's Office will pursue revenues from tissue companies to help pay for the capital project to expand the office.

MOTION: Morris moved, second by Behrend to approve the amendment. Motion carried 6-0.

MOTION: Herro moved, second by Behrend to tentatively approve the 2006 operating budget for the Medical Examiner's Office. Motion carried 6-0.

Discuss and Consider 2006 Operating Budgets for the Following Departments: a) Veterans' Services, b) Senior Services, c) Health & Human Services

Margowski and Stamsta reviewed the proposed 2006 operating budget for the Veterans' Services Department as outlined in the budget book including the strategic objectives and program highlights. Total expenditures for 2006 are budgeted at \$256,130 – an increase of \$6,926 or 2.8% from the 2005 adopted budget. Revenues total \$13,075 – an increase of \$75 or 0.6% and the tax levy totals \$243,055 – an increase of \$6,851 or 2.9%. The number of positions remains unchanged from 2005.

MOTION: Broesch moved, second by Bruce to tentatively approve the 2006 operating budget for the Veterans' Services Department. Motion carried 6-0.

Bellovary, Krafcheck, Daniels, and Stamsta were present to review the proposed 2006 operating budget for the Senior Services Department as outlined in the budget book including the strategic objectives and program highlights. Total expenditures for 2006 are budgeted at \$3,501,311 – an increase of \$88,547 or 2.6% from the 2005 adopted budget. Revenues total \$2,038,853 – an increase of \$67,447 or 3.4% and the tax levy totals \$1,462,458 – an increase of \$21,100 or 1.5%. The positions summary shows an overall decrease of 0.10 FTE positions.

Copies of draft amendments were distributed and discussed which involved funding for the Benefit Specialist Program and an additional objective for the Home Delivered Meals Program. These amendments will be considered at the October 24th Finance Committee meeting.

MOTION: Broesch moved, second by Herro to tentatively approve the 2006 operating budget for the Senior Services Department. Motion carried 6-0.

The committee recessed at 11:32 a.m. and reconvened at 12:18 p.m.

Schuler, Maurer, Kutz, Bodien, DeMares, and Stamsta were present to discuss the proposed 2006 operating budget for the Health & Human Services Department including their strategic objectives and program highlights. Total expenditures for 2006 are budgeted at \$85,239,907 – an increase of \$707,487 or 0.89% from the 2005 adopted budget. Revenues total \$66,034,783 – an increase of \$107,187 or 0.18% and the tax levy totals \$19,205,124 – an increase of \$600,300 or 3.23%. The positions summary shows an overall increase of 2.24 FTE positions. Schuler said this budget, overall, is a mixture of negatives – more people to serve and not enough money to pay for it – but also some positives. Stamsta distributed a handout on 2006 contract allocations which included information on vendor name and funding reductions.

Broesch left the meeting at 3:02 p.m.

Staff distributed copies of various draft amendments with regards to funding for the Criminal Justice Collaborating Council and an additional objective for the Public Health Division with regards to the National Children's Study. These will be considered at the October 24th Finance Committee meeting.

MOTION: Herro moved, second by Morris to tentatively approve the 2006 operating budget for the Health & Human Services Department. Motion carried 5-0.

Discuss and Consider Issues Presented at the October 11th Finance Committee Public Hearing

The committee did not address this agenda item.

MOTION: Herro moved, second by Bruce to adjourn at 3:49 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie J. Morris
Secretary